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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I have not understood it; I would like the hon. Member to repeat the question."

2-50 p.m. SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:—"Sir, in view of the fact that the goods produced by weavers' co-operative societies under the relief scheme are not finding a market even according to the rates fixed by the Price Committees appointed by the Government, will the Government consider the desirability of convening a conference of the various consuming departmental heads and fixing the varieties that could be produced by handlooms as an immediate measure of relief to them?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir. I can give an assurance to the hon. Member that a conference of the heads of the consuming departments will be called to consider what types will be more suitable and how they can be produced on the handlooms."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI:—"ఈ చేనేత పరిశ్రమ గుడ్డను, రష్యా, చైనానుండి వచ్చిన డబ్బుతోగాని ఈమ ప్రాంతాలలోగాని ప్రజలకు ఇవ్వడానికి ప్రభుత్వము ప్రయత్నము చేస్తున్నదా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"A separate question may be put."

Number of public hospitals in Kollegal taluk.

* 350 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of public hospitals in the Kollegal taluk in Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) how many of them have been functioning and how many have not been functioning?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) Seven.

"(*b*) Number functioning—5. Number not functioning—2."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH:—"Sir, will the Government kindly see to the early appointment of the required medical personnel to the local fund hospital in view of the fact that this taluk is far away and is not easily accessible from the other parts of the district?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Attempts will be made to appoint them as early as possible."

SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER:—"Sir, may I know whether the closure of many of these institutions in the Kollegal taluk is due to the low scale of pay of the local fund doctors?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"They have been evidently closed for want of doctors."